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MINUTES OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SUPPORT)

STAFF MEETING

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14 August 1957

1. Mr. [REDACTED] of the Office of Current Intelligence, gave a briefing covering the following items:

- a. Current position of the Soviet leaders, and probably Soviet intentions relative to the return to Moscow of a large number of Soviet diplomats;
- b. Yugoslavian relations with the USSR;
- c. The current strike in Poland as a result of apparently genuine economic grievances;
- d. Khrushchev's visit to East Germany;
- e. Arab-Israeli tensions in the Middle East;
- f. Recent developments to restore a constitutional government and gain popular support for a new president in Guatemala.

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2. Mr. [REDACTED], from the Office of Security, gave a presentation on counter-audio surveillance. He pointed out that the National Security Council and the President have given increased attention to this program. He gave a clear picture of audio devices used by the enemy which have been detected, and outlined a program of what CIA will do to combat audio-surveillance.

3. Colonel White announced that General Cassidy, from the Killian Committee, will resume his study of the Agency's Support components. Beginning next week, he expects to spend about four hours a day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week until he is finished. A definite schedule of his visits and the Support components he will wish to talk to will be drawn up shortly and will be made available to the interested Office Heads. General Cassidy does not intend to get down to too fine details of the individual Support activities because of the limited time he can spend.

4. The Report of Security Violations during July showed a total of sixteen violations by the components of the Deputy Director (Support). This is considered higher than should be expected, and all Office Heads should take steps to tighten up their practices for securing the offices at the end of a day.

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5. Since several inquiries have been made as to when the new personnel ceiling within the DD/S components is effective, Colonel White announced that the new ceilings are effective 9 August 1957, the day the Acting Director of Central Intelligence signed the notifications. Office Chiefs must take the "hard approach" when considering bringing in new people in grades GS-9 and above because the low attrition at these grades indicate that we will be very slow in reducing our excessive on-duty strength. Mr. [REDACTED] announced that his office in collaboration with the Office of Personnel would propose a plan, the objective of which would be to insure that the Agency average on-duty strength would not exceed that provided for in the Congressional Budget.

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6. At the last Deputies' Meeting, an Agency Intelligence Publications Board was appointed. The Deputy Director (Intelligence) or his designee will be Chairman, and the Deputy Director (Plans) and the Deputy Director (Support) will have a representative on the Board. The DD/S representative is Mr. [REDACTED] and his role will probably be only as a technical advisor on format, reproduction, cost, etc.

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7. The meeting adjourned at 1210 hours.

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